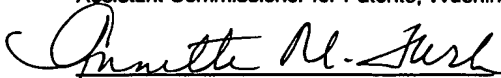


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Applicant: Waltherus J.W. Van Venrooij

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For: PEPTIDE DERIVED FROM AN ANTIGEN RECOGNIZED BY  
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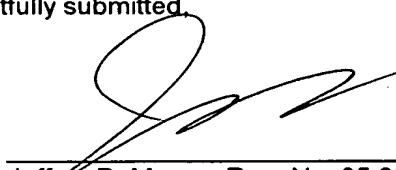
Pursuant to Public Law 97-247, Section 8, and 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants herewith petition  
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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 30, 1999

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